

along the trail to placate the Sioux. Chief Red Cloud then burned Fort C. F. Smith.



**FORT ELLIS**, built near the present site of Bozeman in 1867, played an important part for nineteen years in "taming" the frontier in the Gallatin Valley. It was established primarily to protect Bozeman and the Bridger and Flathead passes. The fort, named for Colonel Augustus Van Horn Ellis of the 124th New York Volunteers, participated in the Sioux wars of 1876-1881. The Washburn-Langford expedition outfitted at this post in August, 1870, and its

reports of geysers, hot springs, terraces, paint pots, and other marvels led to the creation of Yellowstone National Park. The fort was abandoned in 1885 after the collapse of the Sioux. The site, where there are few remains of the old fort, is now occupied by the Fort Ellis Experiment Station of the Montana State University. A commemorative monument stands nearby on U.S. Highway 10.

**FORT LOGAN**, located in the Smith River Valley in 1869 to protect the miners of Diamond City from Indian raids, was first named **CAMP BAKER**, as a compliment to Major Eugene M. Baker, commanding Fort Ellis, of which Camp Baker was a subpost. In 1870 it was removed to another site ten miles to the south, and eight years later was renamed Fort Logan in honor of Captain William Logan, killed fighting Indians at Big Hole Pass in 1877. The post was abandoned in 1880. Traces are to be found today of most of the old buildings, and the blockhouse, still standing, was removed in 1962 to the center of the old parade ground. On its side is a plaque placed by the Daughters of the American Revolution. There is a small town named Fort Logan there, forty miles east of Helena.

**FORT SHAW**, established in 1867 west of Great Falls on the Sun River at the present small town of Fort Shaw, protected the Mullan Road and settlers of Sun River Valley from Blackfoot Indian raiders. It was first called **CAMP REYNOLDS**, but in the same year the name was changed to Fort Shaw to honor Colonel Robert G. Shaw, who lost his life in the assault on Fort Wagner in the Civil War.



*Blackfoot*